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## UNITED STATES COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15, 1892

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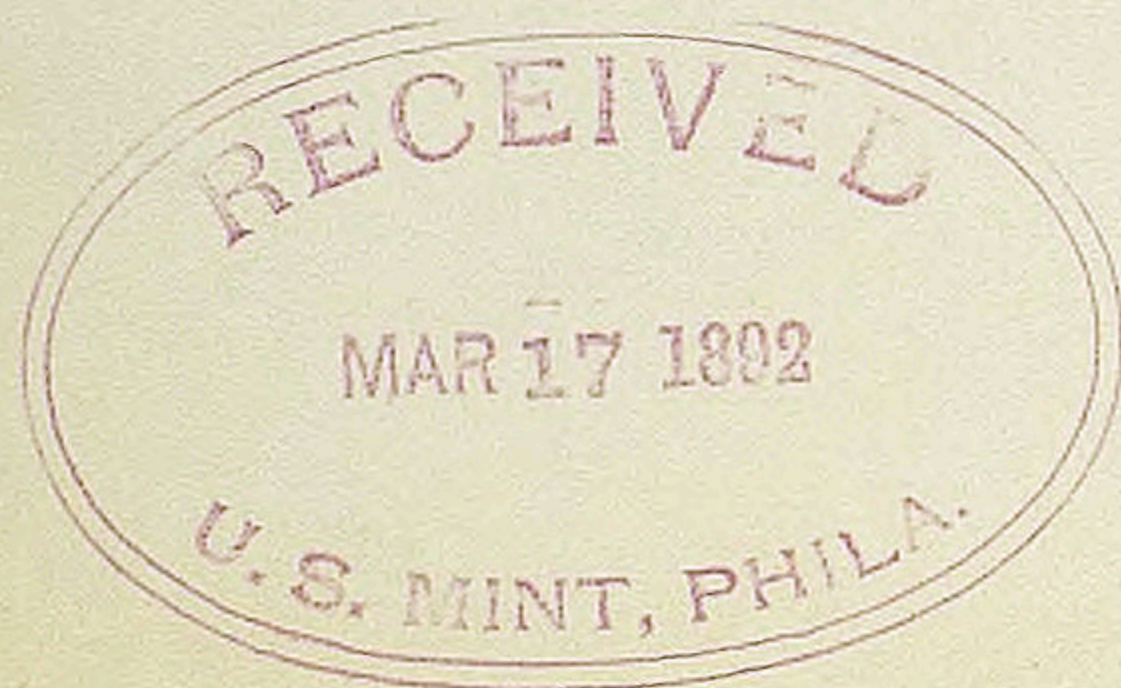


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